

**MINUTES of Carmondean PC/PSA Joint Meeting held on Thursday
12th November, 2020 via Skype**

Present: Gillian Brunt - PC Chair
Becky Gallagher - PSA Chair
Shireen Jawas - Parent
Gillian Millar - HT
Matt Shanks - DHT
Aileen Jamieson - Class Teacher
Rosie Christy - Class Teacher
Glynis Tartaglia - EYO
Lisa Robertson - EYO
Fiona Harding - PSW (Minutes)

INTRODUCTION/APOLOGIES

Gillian Brunt thanked everyone present for their attendance and welcomed Shireen Jawas, a P1 parent, to her first meeting. Apologies had been received from Lorraine Gilmour PT and Eleanor Pryde. The meeting will take the same merged format as September's when it was decided, due to Covid restrictions, to incorporate both PC and PSA via the one Skype meeting.

HALLOWEEN UPDATE/CHRISTMAS PLANS

A well organised event which had been enjoyed by all the children. Approximately £660 was raised and three supermarkets had generously donated lots of sweets. The money to go towards the virtual Panto, where the school will be sent a link for viewing and also treats/gifts for each child.

There will be no Christmas Fair but the school will still hold a raffle with children bringing home tickets for sale. Class calendars with a class photograph will also be available. The staff are also looking at the meaning of The Christmas Story with each stage having been allocated a different part of the story. After the classes have worked on their own interpretation of the part, these will all be put together to form the story. BG asked about raffle donations - give office ladies a ring re this.

Tomorrow is Dress Down Day to support Children In Need and all present agree that due to the economic climate at present, it would be unfair to

pressurise parents into asking for too much monetary input for further Christmas activities. Christmas dress down day scheduled for Friday 18th December, with the Nursery's being the 17th. BG had an idea from another school of 'A Break the Rules Day' whereby the school sets four rules from which the children then choose the one they wish to break. GM to take this idea to the next staff meeting.

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Feedback from PC Chair was that these had run really well with a favourable uptake. Any technical issues had been solved by a telephone call to the parent. Both sessions had proved very productive and the teachers had enjoyed them as well. It had been easier to keep to a time schedule for each appointment and it looks as if February's consultations will be replicated in this way.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

GB asked about the official photographs - these were not allowed to happen in September, as due to Covid guidelines, any visitors to the school must be for educational purposes only.

SPEND REQUESTS

Sustrans cycle racks approved with funding of a £1,000 grant for 20 racks. DHT in the process of gauging level of interest through a short survey and also obtaining quotes for the work. MS informed the meeting that these will likely have to be erected outside the P5 fire door. Lockdown held things up and work originally scheduled to be completed by 26th November has been extended to 01 March 2021. We need photographic evidence with before and after pictures.

GT (Nursery) asked about the possibility of a polytunnel which would be beneficial for the children outside especially in the winter months. GT to look at the price of a mid range one and feed back to PSA.

GM to take any funding requests to the next staff meeting.

COVID MANAGEMENT WITHIN SCHOOL

HT was asked about the routines within the school during the restrictions. All staff are wearing masks in corridors and common areas and when working with individual/small groups of children. Split break and lunchtimes continue and overall it is very much business as usual. School implement and adhere to any new guidelines/restrictions as they come in. P1 parents have been fabulous in terms of following the rules when dropping off/picking up their children. GB, BG and SJ praised the school for all the hard work which had been done to ensure everyone's safety and for enabling the smooth running of the children's education.

HOMEWORK

Class teachers present were asked for their feedback on homework online. AJ (P6) felt it was very much a mixed response with over half doing the whole task online, whilst others were accessing it online and bringing the completed work into class. Only a handful required a full paper copy. RC (P1) reported that some children are posting on learning journals but due to this being on the Blog, teachers are unsure how many parents are accessing it.

AOB

GB had received no parental questions for discussion at meeting. BG felt even the discussion page had been quiet this year. Parents still reluctant to become involved with either PC or PSA therefore office bearers happy to continue in their roles.

Merged meetings to continue for the foreseeable future at the same time of 4 pm, which from a staff point of view, is probably more suitable.

Next Meeting will be held on Thursday 28th January, 2021 at 4 pm.

